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SUBJECT:LAW OF THE SEA CONSULTATIONS - LATIN AMERICA

1. SUMMARY. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESSFUL
NEGOTIATION AT FORTHCOMING MAY-JULY UNCLOS SESSION IN NEW
YORK, AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WILL BE SENDING DEPUTY SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVES FOR LAW OF THE SEA RICHARD G. DARMAN AND
JOHN T. SMITH ON BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. AMBASSADOR

RICHARDSON WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING THESE MEETINGS WITH HIS TWO PRINCIPAL DEPUTIES. LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS EXPLAINING US GOALS.

2. PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS. RECENT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA, UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF NORWEGIAN MINISTER EVENSEN, WERE CHARACTERIZED BY CLEARLY IMPROVED MOOD AND INCREASED REALISM REGARDING MAJOR OUTSTANDING DEEP SEABED ISSUES. LOS LEADERS FROM 84 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THIS TWO-WEEK SESSION. IF MOOD AND REALISM CAN BE SUSTAINED IN FORTHCOMING NY SESSION, PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF TREATY WILL BE DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED. PRIOR TO NY SESSION, G-77 PLANS CAUCUS FROM WHICH HARDER LINE IS EXPECTED TO EMERGE. THERE IS AN OBVIOUS NEED TO PREVENT SUCH A RETROGRESSIVE HARDENING. THE PURPOSE OF DARMAN/SMITH TRIP

IS TO GAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ON DIRECTIONS IN WHICH NEGOTIATIONS MAY MOVE, STRENGTHEN THE BASE OF MODERATE LOS LEADERSHIP, AND BUILD SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS. DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON DEEP SEABED ISSUES (COMMITTEE ONE).

3. RICHARDSON LETTER. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO HIGHEST LOS OFFICIAL FROM AMBASSADOR AT LARGE ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON. BEGIN TEXT:

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A SOUND, COMPREHENSIVE TREATY ON THE LAW OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SEA WOULD BE CLEARLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MANKIND. PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSED THIS SENTIMENT IN HIS RECENT ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. IT IS A SENTIMENT WHICH WE KNOW YOU SHARE.

-- AS YOU KNOW, DEEP SEABED ISSUES HAVE BEEN, AND REMAIN, AMONG THE MORE DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED, HOWEVER, BY THE RECENT INFORMAL INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON THESE ISSUES AT THE MEETING CONVENED IN GENEVA BY NORWEGIAN MINISTER JENS EVENSEN. THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE FRANK, REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND SEEMED TO ENGENDER A SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM THAT A PRACTICAL RESOLUTION OF THE DEEP SEABED ISSUES MIGHT BE WITHIN REACH. WE ARE ANXIOUS TO DO OUR PART TO HELP ENSURE THAT SUCH A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT IS CONTINUED.

-- TO THIS END, I HAVE DIRECTED MY TWO DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR LAW OF THE SEA, MR. RICHARD G. DARMAN AND MR. JOHN THOMAS SMITH, TO UNDERTAKE SPECIAL BILATERAL CON-

SULTATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A SET OF KEY COUNTRIES. THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON COMMITTEE 1 (DEEP SEABED) ISSUES.

-- MESSRS. DARMAN AND SMITH HAVE BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ME FOR MANY YEARS. THEY SERVED WITH ME IN ALL FOUR OF MY CABINET ASSIGNMENTS. MOST RECENTLY, THEY SERVED WITH ME AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AS, RESPECTIVELY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR POLICY AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THEY HAVE MY VERY HIGHEST PERSONAL CONFIDENCE AND ARE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR NOT ONLY WITH US LOS POLICY DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO WITH MY OWN THINKING IN DEPTH AND IN DETAIL.

-- I WOULD ADD THAT SECRETARY VANCE SHARES MY SENTIMENTS AND HAS WRITTEN TO (FOREIGN MINISTER) INFORMING HIM OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH THE CONSULTATIONS BY MESSRS. DARMAN
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AND SMITH ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN. I PERSONALLY WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF YOU AND OTHERS WHOM YOU MIGHT DESIGNATE WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH MESSRS. DARMAN AND SMITH.

-- IN ANY CASE, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU PERSONALLY IN NEW YORK IN MAY, TO CONTINUE OUR MUTUAL EFFORT TOWARD THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF A TREATY ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY,
ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON. END TEXT.

4. THE AMBASSADOR AND POST LOS OFFICER ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE WITH MESSRS. DARMAN AND SMITH IN THE CONSULTATION TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

5. SMITH/DARMAN SCHEDULE:

4/17 SUNDAY, WASHINGTON TO CARACAS

4/18 MONDAY, CARACAS

4/19 TUESDAY, TO BOGOTA FROM CARACAS
0825/0905 VIA IB 949

4/20 WEDNESDAY, TO LIMA FROM BOGOTA
0930/1340 AV 081

4/21 THURSDAY, TO LA PAZ FROM LIMA
0845/1120 BN 797

TO RIO DE JANIERO FROM LA PAZ

1500/2105 GIG SC 641

4/22 FRIDAY, TO BRASILIA FROM RIO DE JANIERO
0900/1035 RG 406

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4/23 SATURDAY, TO RIO DE JANIERO FROM BRASILIA
1500/1630 RG 413

TO WASHINGTON FROM RIO DE JANIERO
2245/1013 1 PA 440
0625 MIA 0800 VIA EA 158

6. ACTION REQUIRED: POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT
LAW OF THE SEA OFFICIALS RE PROPOSED VISIT AND ARRANGE
APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE ROOMS AT
APPROPRIATE HOTELS AND APPOINT CONTROL OFFICER TO
MEET AND ASSIST. TELEGRAMS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING
THIS TRIP SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ATTENTION D/LOS.
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